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SUBJ: GUATEMALAN POSITION ON NICARAGUA

REF: GUATEMALA 5336, 5354

1. VICE PRESIDENT VILLAGRAN KRAMER TELEPHONED ME TODAY (SEPT 12) TO INFORM US THAT HE AND THE CHIEF OF STAFF HAD DISCUSSED WITH EX-PRESIDENT LAUGERUD LAST NIGHT THE VICE PRESIDENT'S IDEA ABOUT DISPATCHING EX-PRESIDENTS TO NICARAGUA. HE SAID THAT LAUGERUD HAD EMPHASIZED THE DELICACY OF SUCH A MISSION BUT HAD EVENTUALLY SHOWN HIMSELF OPENMINDED ABOUT THE IDEA. I TRIED TO SUGGEST TO THE VICE PRESIDENT THAT MY INFORMATION FROM A DISCUSSION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER YESTERDAY WAS NEGATIVE ON THE QUESTION OF EMISSARIES, BUT HE BRUSHED THIS ASIDE BY SAYING WHAT HE WAS CONCERNED WITH WAS AN INVENTORY OF POSSIBLE USEFUL ACTIONS. HE SAID HE PLANNED TO DISCUSS THIS WITH PRESIDENT LUCAS AGAIN TODAY TO SEE WHETHER THEY SHOULD EXPLORE IT FURTHER WITH THE SALVADORANS.

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2. COMMENT: WHILE I FEEL OBLIGED TO REPORT THE FOREGOING, I DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD ATTRIBUTE MUCH IMPORTANCE TO IT. WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER ARE RUNNING DOWN DIFFERENT TRACKS AND WE MUST ASSUME THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S IS THE OFFICIAL TRACK.
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